DOCKET NO .:

216723US2PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yasuji HIRAMATSU

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/926,713

FILED: 06 DE

06 DECEMBER 2001

FOR:

CERAMIC HEATER

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS & TRADEMARKS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated **22 JANUARY 2002**, and in accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 371, Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration and a Preliminary Amendment. As a result of the Preliminary Amendment, no multiple dependencies remain in the claims. Accordingly, no additional claims fees are due.

The required surcharge was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Our check in the amount of \$-0.00- is attached hereto. If any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the required Government fee, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

22850

Marvin J. Spivak Attorney of Record

Registration No. 24,913

Surinder Sachar

Registration No. 34,423

Docket No.

216723US2PCT

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Yasuji HIRAMATSU

SERIAL NO:

09/926,713

FILED:

December 6, 2001

FOR:

CERAMIC HEATER

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith:

Preliminary Amendment/Declaration/Notification of Missing Requirements

Response to Notification

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

| CLAIMS | CLAIMS REMAINING | | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID | NO. EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | CALCULATIONS |
|-------------|---|----------|---|------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| TOTAL | 14 | MINUS | 20 | 0 | × \$18 = | \$0.00 |
| INDEPENDENT | 2 | MINUS | 3 | 0 | × \$84 = | \$0.00 |
| | | □ MULT | IPLE DEPENDENT (| CLAIMS | + \$280 = | \$0.00 |
| | | | TOTAL OF | ABOVE CAI | CULATIONS | \$0.00 |
| | ☐ Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity | | | \$0.00 | | |
| | | ☐ Record | lation of Assignment | | + \$40 = | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | TOTAL | \$0.00 |

☐ A check in the amount of

\$0.00

is attached.

- Please charge any additional Fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Marvin J. Spivak

Registration No. 2

24,913

Surinder Sachar

Registration No.

34,423

Tel. (703) 413-3000 Fax. (703) 413-2220 (OSMMN 10/01)

22850 Customer Number 22850

CASAN



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissional for Patents, Box PCT United States Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231 Washington, D.C. 20231

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO. FIRST NAMED APPLICANT ATTY. DOCKET NO.

O9/926,713

Yasuji Hiramatsu
216723US2PCT
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/JP01/03025

LA. FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE

22850 OBLON SPIVAK MCCLELLAND MAIER & NEUSTADT PC FOURTH FLOOR 1755 JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY ARLINGTON, VA 22202

CONFIRMATION NO. 3517 371 FORMALITIES LETTER

04/09/2001

OC000000007333380

DD 3-22-02

ex

Date Mailed. 01/22/2002

NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- · Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Request for Immediate Examination

RECEIVED
JAN 2 8 2002

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

• Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.



LAMONT M HUNTER

Telephone: (703) 305-3686

PART 1 - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY

| U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO. | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. | ATTY. DOCKET NO. | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--|
| 00/926 713 | PCT/JP01/03025 | 216723US2PCT | |

09/926,713